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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, D.C. 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8958.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control

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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

TITLE: Swine 2012 Study

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0579-0315

SUMMARY OF COLLECTION: Collection and dissemination of animal health data and information is mandated by 7 U.S.C. 391, the Animal Industry Act of 1884, which established the precursor of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services, the Bureau of Animal Industry. The National Animal Health Monitoring System (NAHMS) will initiate the fifth national data collection of swine through the Swine 2012 Study. The Swine 2012 study is part of an ongoing series of NAHMS studies on the U.S. Swine population. APHIS will collect information using several forms.

NEED AND USE OF THE INFORMATION: The information collected through the Swine 2012 study will be analyzed and organized into descriptive reports and will be disseminated by APHIS to the producers, stakeholders, academia, veterinarians, and any other interested parties. The data collected will also be used to measure change over time from the previous NAHM's Swine studies. Without this type of national data, the U.S.' ability to detect trends in management, production, and health status that increases/decreases farm economy either directly or indirectly would be reduced to nonexistent.

DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS: Business or other for-profit

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS: 10,875

FREQUENCY OF RESPONSES: Reporting: Other (one time)

TOTAL BURDEN HOURS: 11,728

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